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CLARIFICATION

By L.J. (Jim) Lorenzen

During the early part of this year, Allen Benz and Bill English engaged in an effort to convert APRO's assets to their control. Using positions of trust accorded them in what was purported to be volunteer work on behalf of APRO, they made unauthorized use of the APRO mailing list and telephone in an effort to solicit support for their "takeover".

At one point, English intercepted a phone call intended for me and made arrangements for himself to appear (representing APRO) on a TV pilot which also included Dr. Hynek and Travis Walton. (He pocketed the funds received for the appearance). Later, Dr. Hynek informed me that he found the experience difficult and embarrassing as English had gone on at length in private conversations about how he and Allen Benz were "taking over" APRO. Dr. Hynek expressed relief and congratulations to hear that I had the situation in hand.

At the general membership meeting in Cleveland on June seventh a motion was introduced by Dick Ruhl and seconded by Marie Bluhm and a quorum of APRO members voted to terminate the memberships of Benz and English. The new APRO Board of Directors has reviewed that act of the members and has concurred unanimously, changing the status of both Benz and English to that of subscriber.

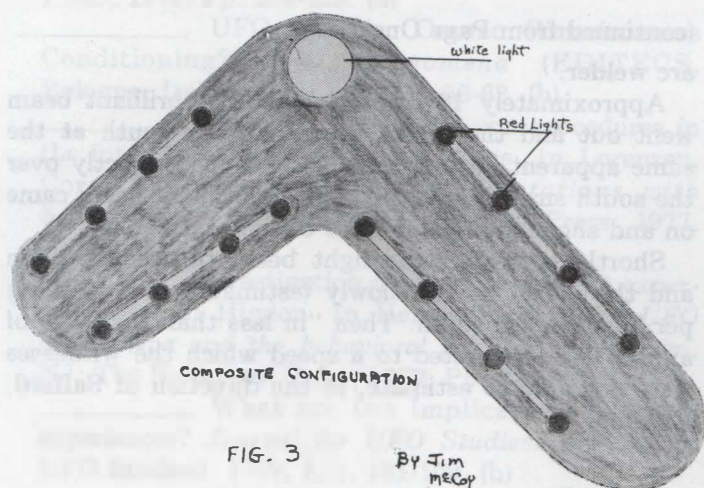
During early 1981, English had also phoned Walt Andrus of MUFON and imparted much the same information, i.e., that he and Benz were taking over and that there would be a new board of directors at APRO. Walt's response was to publish in his "Director's Message" a non-specific call to the new APRO Board to end APRO's "isolationist" attitude. Unwittingly completing this rather remarkable bit of puppetry, newly elected APRO Board Member Alexia Markham read the passage from the MUFON Journal at APRO's July membership meeting.

As it turns out, the rumors of the take-over and of the isolationism are both greatly exaggerated. Readers of the APRO Bulletin are aware of an on-going support of CAUS (Citizens Against UFO Secrecy), The Fund for UFO Research, VISIT, Ray Stanford's Project Starlight International and Bob Gribble's Phenomena Research.

Meaningful cooperation is generally not shouted from the housetops nor should it be. There exist some differences in priorities, understanding, and emphasis, between UFO groups. I presume that that is why, in part, there is more than one group.

But where goals coincide, cooperation should happen as a matter of course. And usually does.

UFO OVER COPPER SMELTER



METEOR OR UFO?

(The following is a narrative of the experience of Terry L. Wright and his companions on an August afternoon at 3 p.m. in 1972). The sighting occurred while my mother, my brother, my ex-wife and I were enroute from Lewiston to Orofino Idaho. A radio program was interrupted to announce the appearance of a meteor over Boise Idaho, stating that several people had seen it and the time. Within minutes, (about four), another bulletin stated that the meteor had been seen over McCall Idaho. This indicated that the object was coming toward us and I expressed the hope that we might see it if we were not too severely limited by the canyon walls. The estimated time of the announcement and the object coming into our view was seven minutes by our (my) calculations, which caused me to remark that the velocity seemed low for a meteor.

In about six minutes we sighted what appeared to be a self-luminous object on the proper flight path for the meteor described. Range may have been between

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On the evening of October 23rd, 1980, one of the most well-witnessed UFO sightings in history took place in the little mining town of Morenci, Arizona. Located on US 666, it is about 20 miles northeast of Safford, Arizona, which is on Interstate 10 in southeastern Arizona. Morenci is a typical Arizona copper mining town and the site of two huge copper smelters which are owned and operated by Phelps-Dodge Corporation.

APRO's investigator on this case was Jim McCoy who did in-depth interviews with five of the witnesses. There were a host of other witnesses and hopefully they can be interviewed at a later date. However, inasmuch as the five men observed the object at relatively close range, their testimony is central to the facts in the case.

Randell Rogers and Larry Mortensen, both employees at Phelps-Dodge, left their work area at 8:55 p.m. to proceed to the lunch area for the evening "break." They entered an open type of vehicle (no cab) and enroute to the lunch area they stopped and picked up Joe Nevarez, Kent David and James Best. (Please see illustrations which accompany this text.)

After starting the vehicle up again, they noticed an object approaching from the north at an altitude of approximately 1500 to 2000 feet and Nevarez exclaimed, "Hey, you guys, look at the flying saucer!" One or two of the others remarked that "it" was just an airplane and laughed. Nevarez then demanded that the vehicle be stopped so that he could get a better look at the object.

When the vehicle was brought to a stop and the men looked up, they were amazed to see a boomerang-shaped object approaching the north smoke stack of the smelter area at a very low speed which they later told Mr. McCoy that they estimated to be about five miles per hour. When it arrived at a position directly over the north stack, it stopped and hovered for a minute or so, then came straight down vertically to an estimated altitude of about 700 to 1,000 feet, not far above the stack. After a brief period of time a brilliant light erupted from the forward apex of the boomerang configuration and shone directly down into the interior of the north smelter stack. The witnesses described this light as brighter than a search light or that of an

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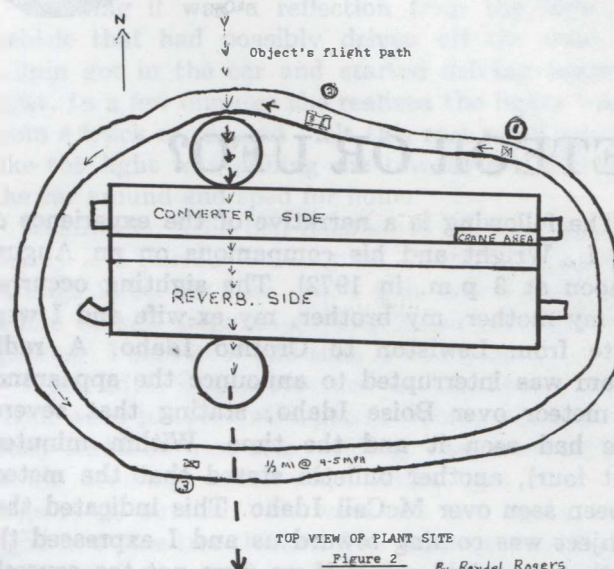
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arc welder.

Approximately 10 seconds later, the brilliant beam went out and the object began moving south at the same apparent altitude and then stopped directly over the south smelter stack. Again the brilliant beam came on and shone into the interior of the south stack.

Shortly thereafter the light beam turned off again and the object moved slowly (estimated at 5-10 miles per hour) to the south. Then "in less than the blink of an eye" it accelerated to a speed which the witnesses were not able to estimate, in the direction of Safford, Arizona.



At that juncture, when the object had the appearance of being "one foot in size", Joe Nevarez stated that he wished that the thing would come back so he could get a better look at it. Immediately, almost as if in response to an unspoken command, the object performed an instant reversal from its position over Safford, to over the slag dump area of the smelter at Morenci. McCoy reports that it should be noted

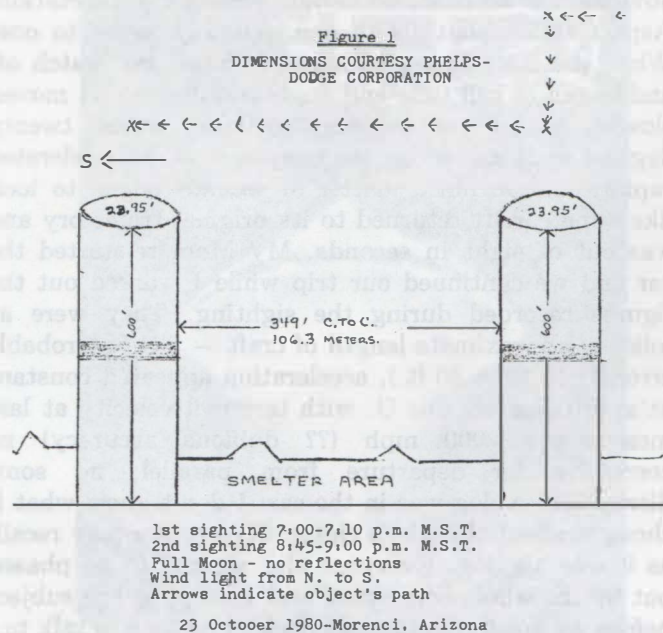
that by instant reversal, the witnesses meant that the object did not turn, climb, dive or take any radius turn, but just instantly reversed and was back over the smelter area where it accelerated out of sight in the north, the direction from which it had come.

While the object was in the smelter area it was observed by all five witnesses and the following is a composite narrative of the description of the object:

It was in a boomerang configuration with a forward apex of the wing of approximately 120 degrees, and one "wing" appeared to be shorter than the other with a distance from tip to tip of the "wings" appearing to be about 1/4 mile. The object was dull black in color, resembling 1/2" steel plate, and did not reflect light. There were no seams, rivets or other surface markings noted. The large beam of light which was directed into the interior of the stacks was located near the forward center of the apex. The witnesses stated that they

Figure 1

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could look at this light without any ill effect and it compared with the glow of a full moon.

On each "wing" there were 8 bright reddish lights, four on each leading edge and 4 on each trailing edge. These lights seemed to be about 75 feet apart and were interconnected by a white tube of light (like a fluorescent bulb but much larger). All lights on the object remained steady at all times and did not blink, rotate, flash or otherwise change in any manner except when shown into the interior of the smelter stacks. It made no sound at any time, and was observed with the aid of a full moon which had just risen.

There are no lights on the smelter stacks for aircraft warning or otherwise, and no lights in the area reflect upward. The weather was clear with no clouds, lightning, precipitation or other atmospheric phenomena present. The winds were light and variable from the north. A small amount of smoke was being emitted from each of the smelter stacks.

Another sighting of what was either the same or a similar object was made by Joe Nevarez and James Best at 9 p.m. This object approached from the north but at a higher altitude (about 6,000 feet), hovered, and traveled slowly about the area for about 5 to 10 minutes. This sighting was corroborated by a law enforcement official (who wishes to remain anonymous) located five miles to the west, observing with the aid of 10 power binoculars. He stated that while the object was stationary one small red light descended vertically down from it and left at a very high rate of speed in the direction of Silver City, New Mexico (slightly south of due east of Morenci). Another red light dropped and went north in the direction of the San Carlos Indian reservation. After 1 or 2 minutes, these objects returned and merged with the boomerang shape which in turn departed at a very high rate of speed into the north and out of sight.

APRO was alerted concerning the Morenci sighting on January 10 by Mr. Samuel Player, the editor of the Eastern Arizona Courier of Safford, Arizona, and some of the above information was carried in the press. In addition to the five smelter workers, who were "almost" under the object, Greenlee County Sheriff Ralph Gomez, several Morenci businessmen among others, witnessed the passage of the huge object. One hundred (100) members of the Morenci High School band and the director were among the host of individuals who watched.

There are indications that this object was witnessed on at least one and possibly more occasions and the *Bulletin* will follow up on this case if further details come to hand.

(Editor's note: The boomerang-shape is not totally unfamiliar in UFO lore, but then it is not as widely seen as the discs or cigar-shapes either. The searchlight shining down from the object is another characteristic of some UFOs seen often enough that it is not tremendously outstanding. The one mind-boggling characteristic about the object in this instance is its apparent ability to reverse course without banking or executing any of the other maneuvers generally associated with a change in trajectory. In a report handled by this office in the middle 1960s involving policemen who observed a cigar-shaped object which hovered over a field, it approached them with lightning speed, then "snapped back" to its original position without changing flight attitude. We have not researched this case to get the exact date, but mention it here for comparison purposes.)

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four and eight miles at first visual contact. Neither contrail nor gaseous/particulate exudations were apparent then or later. We continued to drive at reduced speed while observing the object. Its course was about 25 — 45 degrees off parallel with our own, diverging. When the range was one to two miles the object appeared less luminous, taking on a reflective characteristic, which caused me to express the opinion that we had been observing a passenger aircraft. The velocity appeared greatly reduced, but there were no known objective reference frames with which velocity could be quantized.

We continued to drive, observing the object only casually. It soon became apparent that the flight path was bringing the craft to ground at a very considerable distance from Lewiston, the only airport capable of handling sizeable aircraft. This revived my interest, and I speculated that the "plane" was in trouble. We slowed to a crawl. When we lost sight of the object below our horizon I verbally suggested that we watch for smoke, while I mentally assessed the possibility of reaching the site on the off chance that there might be survivors.

Our visual horizon at that point was about twenty degrees up from true, due to the canyon walls paralleling the road. The object descended below our horizon at a point nearly due east of us, so we were watching for smoke to our left rear quarter. I believe my mother, who was driving and consequently watching forward, said "oh my god" when she sighted the object appearing over the edge of the canyon wall. Whatever her comment was, it caused me to look around in time to see what appeared to be the upper third of the craft as it approached us. It remained parallel to the earth as it extended out over the canyon wall (velocity 10 — 25 mph). I believe that it executed a rotation about the axis perpendicular to the earth as it descended into the canyon. It should be noted here that my critical faculties were impaired at this point because all available data no longer coalesced into an explicable phenomena. At any rate, as the object descended into the canyon it presented a side view of itself, displaying a tubular profile. As a last attempt to put the object into the category of known items, I suggested mentally and perhaps aloud, the possibility of the Goodyear blimp. (No explanation for advertising in the canyon.) The craft came to a halt directly across the river from us. We were out of the car at that time. No one seems to be sure whether we stopped before or after the craft started into the canyon. We were stationary during its approach down the river. It stopped across from us while we were stationary. It was softly luminous, like a good grade of white paper being illuminated by a diffuse source. Range at that

time was less than 125 yards. When I succeeded in crossing the mental hurdle that this was an unknown in my experience, I began to determine all that I could. I asked someone in the car to get my surveying notebook out of the car. While that was being done there was ample time to observe the craft. No seams, rivets, gondolas, windows, or hatches were apparent. There were obviously no airfoil or control surfaces. The craft was completely smooth. When the notebook arrived I took out a plastic protractor and laid it on the roof of the car.

Using a wooden ruler for a sighting line, the protractor functioned as a crude transit. Someone recorded angles for me as I called out the readings to the front and back of the craft. Then we observed the craft for a few minutes more. It was above dry soil having only sparse vegetation. Approximate altitude from bottom of ship, 15 feet. No disruptions were obvious, i.e. no dust, no motion among the vegetation. Aspect ratio about six to one, possibly seven to one. When the craft began to move I ripped my watch off and began to call time and angle coordinates. It moved slowly out of the canyon, inclining about twenty degrees as it moved up the canyon wall. It accelerated rapidly and within a matter of seconds began to look like a meteor. It returned to its original trajectory and was out of sight in seconds. My Mom re-started the car and we continued our trip while I worked out the figures recorded during the sighting. They were as follows: approximate length of craft — 274 ft (probable error — 10 ft + 30 ft.), acceleration appeared constant at approximately one G. with terminal velocity at last measurement 900 mph (?? dubious accuracy) no correction for departure from parallel, no sonic disruption. A dog was in the car; I don't know what it thought about the whole thing. My brother may recall, as it was his dog. Everyone else seemed to be phased out by the whole occurrence and I dropped the subject before we got to Orofino, for lack of anyone to talk to.

[Editor's note: Strange-appearing (color, speed) meteors are occasionally reported, but this is one of the few which presents sufficient witness detail of observation to determine that it is really an Unidentified Object.]

UFO RESEARCH IN CHINA

Since APRO published the photograph of Mr. Lorenzen, APRO's Director, and Mr. Paul Dong, APRO Field Investigator in San Francisco, Mr. Dong has made extensive contacts in China and news of the recently formed "China UFO Research Organization," has reached us. According to United Press International the society has approximately 300

members, is headquartered in Wuhan in central China, with branches in Peking and Shanghai, and the provinces of Guangdong, Sichuan, Shanxi, Shaanxi, Hubei and Guangxi. The journal of the society has been named "UFO Exploration," is hand-written and discusses reports from China and abroad. Both the Xinhua news agency and UPI carried sketchy detail of a sighting and the photographing of a UFO in Gangping county, Beijing, on August 24th 1980.

The photograph was carried in the Beijing Evening News in November and the letter accompanying the photograph said that the object appeared like a triple star of an inverted T shape, surrounded by a halo of light.



Chinese Journal: "UFO Exploration"

The China UFO Research Organization, founded in May, 1980, is headed by a 26-year-old student of astrophysics and its members include workers, students, teachers, journalists, doctors and people well versed in physics, astronomy, technology, philosophy and psychology.

Other sightings have been reported in Tianjin, off the coast of China. One rumored report, which has yet to be verified, stated that an object had made a landing and a military group, thinking it was an invasion, fired on it. There are no other details, but APRO Headquarters will publish any further information as it is made available.

MORE ACTIVITY IN WASHINGTON

By W.J. Vogel

(UFO sightings continue to emanate from the Yakima Indian Reservation in the state of Washington. We will keep the readers up to date as the information becomes available).

The following report was submitted by Dorothea Sturm, Fire Lookout on Satus Lookout, Yakima Reservation on July 14, 1981:

"On June 22, 1981, about 2135 or a wee bit later, I was sitting at the table looking north. I saw a large, white, bright light float down from the southeast. When I first saw it, it was just above Brownstown, Washington, heading towards Ahtanum Ridge at about this angle. (Editor's note: here the reporter indicates an angle of about 35 degrees). There was a small, thin, not very long dark cloud that appeared to be over Ahtanum Ridge of Yakima. The light went into that and I never saw it come out, and I should have, because the cloud was not very big. It wasn't going as fast as a meteor when you see one coming down nor was it the same color. I was talking to Bud Le Duc and we think we both saw the same thing, only he thought, from where he was, that it was close to Old Maid Canyon.

"On July 1, 1981, about 2000 I was looking east. About over Granger, Washington, or Sunnyside, I saw a large bright light, larger than an airplane light, which I watched for about 15 or 20 seconds. Then it went out.

"On July 4, 1981, at about 2230 I was two bright orange lights in the southwest. I thought one was a state fire that Signal Peak Lookout saw, but it didn't really look like a fire and soon went "poof". I took an azimuth shot on it. The next morning when I looked at my line of shot I *knew* it wasn't a fire, because it was right in line with Mt. Hood, and snow doesn't burn! About the same time I saw an orange light through the dip on the north side of McKays Butte. It soon disappeared. They were two different lights." End of report.

The lookout at Sopolia also observed orange balls of light during this same period of time but in a different direction and at a location that the lady on Satus Lookout could not see. So they apparently observed different lights.

The orange balls they observed are quite common night lights which have been observed for the past decade or so on the Yakima Reservation.

UFO CONTACTEES: CAPTIVE COLLABORATORS OR COSMIC CITIZENS?°

by R. Leo Sprinkle

[conclusion]

I believe that what they want from all of us to assist us in our individual growth as far as our selves and others we come into contact with—as well as learning about Earth and its civilization. They are [I hope and believe] trying to help this planet evolve into a higher state of awareness. We are too backward in our beliefs and we must change or face the strong probability of destroying ourselves and our world.

I do hope that some of what I have written to you will be appropriate and helpful. It is always easier to sit and talk with another person face to face but I guess we will have to try to help each other thru letters. If you wish to write further questions to me I'll try to help you in any way that I can. I am not going to have all of the answers—but I may be able to give you some ideas and some insight in so far as what I have learned these past 14 years.

Thank you for your letter and keep your courage up. Peggy, you are not alone with all of this. There are many many people with questions and desiring explanations re their experiences and all of us just do what we can to help each other and make our lives as SANE as possible in the process. Your own reality and understanding will be affected by all of this so as I said before—get in touch with yourself and stay open within so that you can learn from all of this.

Love and Peace,

[Signed] Ann

Here is another example of an UFO contactee, Ida M. Kannenberg, who has described her 1940 UFO experience, and who has shown the courage and willingness to share the "messages" which she receives from her UFO mentor, Hweig. In a letter dated February 21, 1980, she writes as follows:

Feb. 21, 1980

Dear Leo,

Hweig has read along with me your proposed paper on contactees and abductees. He is particularly intrigued by the phrase "captive collaborators."

"You are exactly that", he says. "But only because you want to be. Each of you has sometime in his or her life asked to be of benefit to his fellow-man, to be

of some service to the world. So we give you the opportunity to be just that! Where else, how else, could you quiet, little, unobtrusive people find a way to be of so great a benefit to your people and to your world? Where else the opportunity? Who else would give you the years of encouragement, the tedious years & years of guided development, the constant attendance and monitoring and direction of your intent?

"We offer opportunities no one else could possibly do, as we have great and mighty colleagues to call upon, personalities of many natures other than what you call "human", forces and powers you never dreamed of. We give you opportunity, direction, and developed capacities to do just what you have prayed & begged to do - help your own people, save your own world from destruction and terror."

Thus speaketh Hweig.

[Signed] Ida

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS

This paper has summarized a survey of more than 200 persons who claim to have experienced some kind of psychic impressions which are related to UFO encounters. Also, a list of approximately 50 persons was presented, with a brief summary of their UFO experiences which were explored through hypnotic time regression procedures. These persons described impressions, or recalled memories, of apparent abduction and examination by alien beings or UFOLK.

The paper has explored briefly the general hypotheses that UFO contactees view themselves as "captives" or "collaborators" or as "Cosmic Citizens." The writer suggests that UFO investigators continue to work with UFO contactees so that they can give consideration to the specific hypothesis that UFO contactees improve their personal lives when they decide to "go public" so to become more open and honest about their UFO encounters.

I wish to thank persons who have given permission for their names to be used in this paper; I commend them for their cooperation and their courage.

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PRESS REPORTS

By Doris and Joe Graziano

Decamber 19, 1980, Willcox, ARIZONA - Lucy Catano and her daughter and son were sitting in a van when they spotted some lights slowly moving east to west across the sky. They could hear no sounds, so opened window and still heard nothing.

They got out of the van to get a better look, but by then it was slowly disappearing. It appeared to have some white lights in the back in a row and a couple of red lights in the front.

January 6-7, 1981, Payson, ARIZONA - Around 8

to 8:30 p.m., Bud Farmer was sitting on the porch of his home when he noticed "a fireball, 4 times as big as the biggest falling star, and with no sparks and no tail." He watched it for 2 or 3 seconds, during which time it appeared to be moving away from him, and then it "completely went out."

About 10 to 15 minutes later, the light reappeared somewhat to the right of where he had seen it earlier. The object made 3 or 4 small zigzags, then suddenly made a sharp right turn and its speed "increased tremendously" as it went horizontally to the ground. This lasted a couple of seconds, and then it went out again. Farmer was sure it was not a jetliner because "there was no noise at all."

At 2:30 a.m. the following morning, Diana Iles was on her way to Phoenix on Hwy 87 when she saw "lights and stuff" appearing in different parts of the sky. She said there were more than 2 or 3 lights, whose exact coloration she could not determine, that appeared 2 or 3 times for a total observation time of about 5 minutes. "They were going pretty fast, up towards Payson," she said.

At around 8 a.m. the same morning, Tommie Woolwine and her 2 sons and nephew were on their way to town on Hwy 87 when she saw "two objects flying one on top of the other." The observation lasted 30 to 40 seconds and the objects "gave an impression that they were moving slowly, but must have been moving very fast, because we didn't see them for very long."

February 9 & 19, 1981, San Jose, CALIFORNIA - Two young pilots, Charles Shackleford, 20 and Gary Rounds, 21 were practicing "touch and go" landings at the San Jose Airport around 10:40 p.m. on February 9th. As they were climbing at about 600 feet, they spotted what they thought was another aircraft in front of them. Rounds, who was piloting, turned to avoid whatever it was while Shackleford radioed the control tower. Air controllers radioed back that there was no known aircraft in the vicinity. Nothing showed up on their radar.

After the initial sighting, the two pilots could not see the light again, but Randy Blount and Rich Guttered, the two controllers, could. For the next 5 to 10 minutes the controllers advised the pilots about the light's position to avoid a possible collision.

What the pilots and the controllers saw was a large, red, pulsating light about 10 feet in diameter. "Supposedly the light hovered for a short time," Rounds said, "and then the tower reported it went off to the west and fell rapidly out of the sky."

The controllers judged the object to be 3,000 to 4,000 feet above the plane and a couple of miles away according to Ron Scholer, the airport's public information officer. He also said the same type of unexplained red light has appeared between 10 and 11 p.m. several times during the past 4 weeks.

A mysterious red light was again spotted on the

evening of February 19th by residents and air controllers. "It was flying real slow, then all of a sudden it took off fast and headed down," said Al Backer, who lives near the airport.

A controller in the tower at San Jose Airport said, "it was a steady red light when it passed over us. Then it started flashing and went straight out so fast it went out of the line of sight. And again, it didn't show up on the radar.

February 23, 1981, Longview, TEXAS - Lavell Morales and her daughter, Dawn, were returning home from Tyler about 9 p.m. when they encountered a large orange and gray object hovering just off U.S. 271 near Owentown. "It was huge, taller than a building, and was hovering to the right of us, just off the highway," Mrs. Morales said.

The object was "about a car's length" above the ground and "the top of it was turning. It looked like a fruit jar lid. There were orange lights, bright orange lights. The bottom was grayish and it wasn't moving," she said.

After she spotted the object, Mrs. Morales tried to point it out to her daughter but couldn't. "It put me in a trance. I couldn't get my eyes off of it. I couldn't tell her to look at it," she said. At that point, the car began to swerve toward a deep ditch and Dawn cried, "You're going off the road." Then the daughter spotted the object and started to cry.

Mrs. Morales stepped on the accelerator and sped toward home, not looking back. After arriving home she called the Tyler Police Department and the Smith County Sheriff's Department, which said no one else had reported seeing the object.

March 3, 1981, Pasco County, FLORIDA - Terry Roch was inside his trailer around 8 p.m. when it began to vibrate. He rushed outside and spotted what he said resembled a falling star traveling toward the horizon. Roch said the object looked like a satellite and was being pursued by a jet.

Another object Roch described as hour-glass in shape with 2 green blinking lights fell to earth in the nearby area of the Cypress Creek well field as the 2 aircrafts vanished. About 10 minutes later, 4 unidentified helicopters raced across the sky in the same direction.

Air Force spokesmen at MacDill, Eglin, and Patrick Air Bases denied knowledge of any aerobatic maneuvers. U.S. Customs officials in Tampa said the operation was not of their doing. Air traffic controllers at Tampa International Airport said they tracked some unidentified objects northwest of the airport.

Though the governmental agencies said they didn't know the source of the craft, sheriff's officers said there had been at least 50 reports of low-flying helicopters that night.

ALABAMA March [?], 1981 - Dothan . . . A young married couple were packing their car after an afternoon of picnicking in the country when something at treetop level caught the man's eye. By the time he looked around the object had gone and it was dismissed as being just a bird.

As their car wound down a narrow dirt road, something appeared just off the passenger side of the car. The dark object drew the glance of the woman and she sat mystified and stared. Puzzled by her trance-like state, the husband stopped the car and leaned over to speak to his wife when he saw the object hovering a few yards from the car.

He put the car back in gear and sped down the road but the object kept pace with the car. When the car was about a mile from the end of the road, the object sped ahead and disappeared around the bend. When the couple rounded the last curve before reaching the main road, there sat the object hovering no more than two feet off the ground.

The couple sat and stared at the object for 3 or 4 minutes before it slowly lifted to treetop level and shot off directly over the car and vanished. The object made absolutely no sound and was "kind of saucer-shaped with a little dome on top."

The couple decided not to tell anyone about the sighting; however, the next day at work the man overheard some of his co-workers talking about seeing a UFO on their way back from a fishing trip. Their sighting occurred less than 2 miles from the site of the couple's encounter.

KENTUCKY March 11, 1981 - Chestnut Flat Ridge . . . Cathy Gilpin and her son, Arlin, were watching TV around midnight when they heard a noise outside "sort of like an electric drill or sump pump running." They opened the back door and saw a "big bright orange light" around the ridge.

Thinking it was a reflection from the lights of a vehicle that had possibly driven off the road, Mrs. Gilpin got in the car and started driving toward the light. In a few minutes she realized the lights were not from a truck or car and "felt this real weird sensation, like the light was pulling me toward it." She turned the car around and sped for home.

Meanwhile, Arlin had telephoned his aunt and uncle, Candy and Carroll Wethington, to tell them about the strange light. He then got a gun and walked outside where he saw something "like 2 pairs of orange eyes glowing. I shot at it and then it was gone."

When Mrs. Gilpin returned to the house, she and Arlin went to the Wethington's house, where Roy and Judy Kirkland were also residing. They were all sitting inside drinking coffee when Arlin "got this strange urge to go outside." He went out and again saw the light in a pine tree thicket. The light moved closer and Arlin tried to pull the trigger but couldn't. "Then all of a sudden I felt like it touched me," he said, "it was like a shock went all the way through my body, but I didn't see anything touch me."

Arlin then heard someone from the house call him. He turned to look toward the house and when he looked back toward the thicket the light was gone. When he returned to the house, the others noticed that the right side of his face was puffed and reddish and his hands were green. The next morning Arlin's face and hands were normal again.

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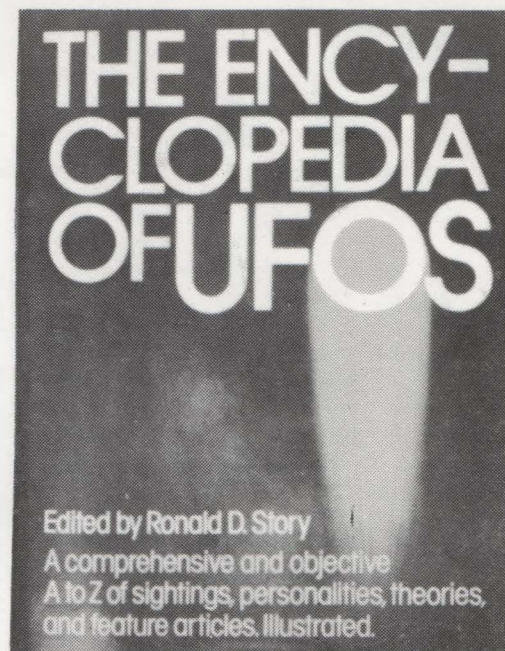
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By Coral E. Lorenzen

The APRO Staff would like to thank the membership for their support during the difficult months just passed. Many of you responded to my plea for monetary help and with a few adjustments in priorities, we are well on our way to a stable group economy.

Within the past few years Jim and I have thought of giving up our rather large home, in anticipation of fewer domestic chores and less upkeep. It didn't come to pass, and because of it, APRO will again be quartered in the Lorenzen home. The non-essential files which do not need to be dealt with day by day are being stored. A couple of filing cabinets essential to the day-to-day business have been moved into the office which we have maintained for our APRO work throughout the years. The rest, although available, will be accommodated in our sun room. The squeeze is a little tight but we are no worse off than other groups who have had to face the realities of inflation, and in some ways, better off.

We will ask the indulgence of the membership in matters concerning file-searching for certain information, etc. At present, the only full-time worker is myself. There will be some volunteer work done by some of the local members (who will be mentioned at a later date), but we must remind the members at large that the office, because it is in our home, cannot be available to just anyone at any time. Of course, we are always glad to make the acquaintance of members, but would like ample warning of impending visits via letter, and then a telephone reminder once the member arrives in Tucson.

Also, try to renew your memberships on time so that we are not forced to mail reminders. Such considerations will cut down the actual time that I will have to spend at day-to-day routine work. Besides the work which Mrs. Panter did while in our employ, I have still to edit the Bulletin which is a sizable job in itself. Therefore, any considerations in that respect will be much appreciated.

Again, thank you very much for your help. Names and some of the letters of those who came to our assistance will be published in up-coming issues.